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In re Application of: )  
Gary K. Michelson )  
Serial No.: 08/480,461 )  
Filed: June 7, 1995 )  
For: INSTRUMENTATION FOR THE )  
SURGICAL CORRECTION OF HUMAN )  
THORACIC AND LUMBAR SPINAL )  
DISEASE FROM THE LATERAL )  
ASPECT OF THE SPINE )

Confirmation No.: 9274

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Examiner: Michael A. Brown

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action dated May 29, 2008, Applicant submits the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

Reply to Office Action 8-26-08